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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7535

BILL NUMBER: HB 1606

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 9, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Feb 5, 2009

SUBJECT: Comer School Development Program.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Harris

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Lubbers

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates the Comer School Development Program. It provides for the establishment of pilot programs to benefit at risk students at public schools having certain characteristics, and requires a pilot program to include professional development for teachers, curriculum development, and other elements. The bill establishes the School Development Pilot Program Fund to provide grants to enable participating school corporations to establish and operate pilot programs.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would establish the Comer School Development Program to fund pilot programs at public urban schools with at least 50% of the students eligible for free or reduced lunch the prior year and at least 10% of the teachers having a limited license or are teaching outside their licensed area. The pilot programs would include:

1. Professional development for teachers.
2. Curriculum development and oversight.
3. Development of support systems that promote student learning.
4. Community development.
5. Significant matching funds from nonprofit entities or businesses.
6. Parental participation.

The bill would create the Comer School Development Fund to provide funding for the pilot programs. The fund consists of gifts, appropriations by the legislature, and grants. Any money in the fund at the end of the fiscal year would not revert to the General Fund. The impact would depend on the number of pilots funded by the legislature and grants or gifts the fund might receive. This bill does not contain an appropriation for

the fund or program.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Local Urban Schools.

Information Sources:

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